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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Wednesday, 19 January 1972

FROM: Kika de la Garza

Washington, D C -- Rep E (Kika) de la Garza was elected today as Chairman of the Texas Delegation in the U S House of Representatives.

Rep de la Garza, now serving his 4th term in Congress, is currently President of the Texas State Society of Washington, a post to which he was elected by the membership last year -- a fact which makes him the leader of all the Texans in Washington, both in and out of the Congress. As President of the Texas State Society, he in fact is the head of the organization which represents the majority of Texans in the Nation's Capitol, and as Chairman of the Texas Delegation, he heads the congressional team.

Congressman de la Garza said, "Naturally, I am pleased and gratified by the confidence shown in me by my colleagues in the House and my fellow Texans residing in Washington." He is the first Mexican American ever to be elected President of the Texas State Society, and the first to hold both offices simultaneously.

Former Congressman Richard Kleberg of Kingsville was President of the Texas State Society for a term in the late 1930's. When Senator Lyndon Johnson was majority leader of the Senate, he served two years as President of the organization. Other prominent Texans, including a number of Congressmen, have at various times headed the Society.

As Chairman of the Texas Delegation, Mr de la Garza will preside over the weekly luncheon meetings traditionally held in the Speaker's Dining Room in the Capitol. The Delegation will be honored at a Capitol Hill reception to be given by the Texas State Society on Sunday, January 23, 1972.